

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated January 15, 2008. In that Decision, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejection of claims 47 and 68. Accordingly, by the present Amendment, claims 47 and 68 are presented in independent form, containing all of the limitations of claims 42 and 63, respectively, from which they previously depended. Additionally, claims 42 and 63 are cancelled and claims 43- 46, 48-57, 59, 60 and 62 are amended to change their dependency from cancelled claim 42 to claim 47 while claims 64-67, 69-78, 80, 81 and 83 are amended to change their dependency from cancelled claim 63 to claim 68. It is therefore submitted that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter or raise any new issues. Entry is therefore believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Further, in view of the Board's reversal of the rejection of claims 47 and 68, it is believed that claims 47 and 68, now in independent form, are in prima facie condition for allowance, along with claims 43-46 and 48-62 depending directly or indirectly from claim 47 and claims 64-67 and 69-83 depending from claim 68. Accordingly, reconsideration and an early allowance of pending claims 43-62 and 64-83 is respectfully requested.

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